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1. [redacted] Today I received a call at home from David M. Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, concerning Senator Case's press release tomorrow. Abshire said Senator Case would be visiting the Department on Monday and he expects Secretary Rogers would discuss his press release with him at that time. Abshire said he had talked with Case last night about Monday's meeting (which has to do with Cambodia), but did not mention the Senator's press release on Radio Free Europe for fear he would decide this was the purpose of his meeting with the Secretary and cancel out. Abshire expressed concern over two points: the possibility of Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the bill Case proposes to introduce on Monday; and guidance for Robert J. McCloskey's, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Press Relations, press interview on Monday. It was our assumption that those persons in the Agency and in the Department dealing with the substantive aspects of the problem would be covering the guidance for McCloskey's press interview. We also agreed that the possibility of Committee hearings was a matter to be reckoned with. During our conversation Abshire mentioned that Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) had been very helpful in helping the Department "get through to" Senator Case on Cambodia. He hoped that Cooper might also be helpful on the RFE problem.

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